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COURT HOUSE A CERTAINTY

Work on Proposed Building to Be Begun During the Approaching Summer.

SPECIAL FUND EQUALS \$15,000

Court Not Decided as to Method to Be Followed Regarding Drawing Up of Plans—Architects Seek Information.

Unless some unforeseen occurrence intervenes, work on Clatsop county's new court house will be begun this summer. There will be more than \$15,000 in the special fund now being provided, and by the time this is expended an additional \$10,000 will be available.

Members of the county court have agreed upon the time for the commencement of work, and steps are now being taken to secure plans for the building. The court has not yet decided whether bids shall be invited for the necessary plans, or an architect employed to prepare the plans under the direction of the court and superintend the work of construction. Several archi-

tecs have already sent in requests for information, but the court has not yet settled upon the plan to be observed.

Last year's 2-mill levy for court house purposes netted about \$6000 while the levy to be made by the court this month will net about \$2200. It is the intention of the court to expend not less than \$60,000 on the structure so that the tax will be levied annually to about 1908.

"Work will undoubtedly be begun this year," said Judge Trenchard yesterday to a newspaper representative. "We feel that the work can be commenced with the fund of \$15,000, and the court house ought to be finished before the final levy of the tax. It is the intention to build a structure of two stories and a good basement. The jail will be kept separate and the present structure will be considered sufficient for existing needs."

Judge Trenchard added that the new building would be up-to-date in every respect and a credit to the county. The work will probably be well under way by July 1.

Are Searched For Weapons.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Women as well as men who attended the trial today of the car barn bandits, including Mrs. Vandine and Mrs. Neidermier, mothers of the two prisoners, were searched before being permitted to enter the court room. The purpose was to secure any possible weapons that might be used in effecting the escape of the bandits.

OFFER SITE FOR \$15,000

Members of Council to Sell Present Property to the First Bidder.

NEW OFFER NOW PRESENTED

Prominent Business Man Tenders \$11,000, at Which Aldermen Smile—New Salaries.

An offer of \$11,000 was made last night for the present city hall site and the building on it. The offer was tendered by Frank Spittle, who said he was acting for a responsible business man. If there was any assurance that the council would sell for that price which the intending purchaser considered reasonable, a certified check for the amount would be forthcoming. The proposal holds good for a period of 40 days. The offer, which caused a general smile, was referred to the committee on public property and ways and means.

Later an ordinance was presented by Mr. Hansen authorizing the mayor and auditor to execute a deed to the property at present used upon the tender of an offer of not less than \$15,000. The bill provides that the city shall have use of the second floor of the building for six months after the date of sale, and that the application must be accompanied by the city treasurer's receipt showing that the sum will be forthcoming. Mr. Hansen said he introduced the ordinance by request; that, while he had formerly been opposed to sale of the site, he could not reasonably set up his opinion against those of all the other members of the council, and that he was now satisfied sale of the property would be a good thing. The bill went over until the following meeting.

Recently Joseph Schamberger presented a proposal for the sale of an engine house site to the city. The property is so located that it would form a connection for Duane street from Thirteenth to Fourteenth. Last night the ordinance came up for final passage. It appeared that the property was not large enough for the purposes required, and the bill was laid over until next meeting.

It was discovered that the grade of Franklin avenue between Thirty-sixth and Forty-third streets is not established, so Mayor Suprenant vetoed the ordinance providing for that improvement. The veto was sustained. The legislation will have to be re-enacted and a resolution declaring the intention of the council to repair the street was adopted.

The ordinance providing the manner of constructing entrances and exits on public building, providing for fire escapes and the issuance of building permits went over, so the new committee might have time to consider it.

The request that a light be placed at the corner of Duane and Fifteenth streets was granted. The light one block north will be removed to the location. Other requests for street lights were received as follows: At the corner of Fifty-first and Birch, Fourth and Commercial and Melbourne street and Alameda avenue. The petitions went to the street committee.

The police commission presented a request for an appropriation of \$100 for the requirement of the police department. The matter was referred to the ways and means committee, which will offer the necessary ordinance next meeting.

The ladies of the library, in a communication to the council, expressed their appreciation of the library levy recently made, and assured the body of their willingness to meet with a council committee to confer with reference to the character of reading matter provided at the reading room. Accompanying the letter was a list of the magazines, newspapers and other similar publications now taken.

The committee on wharves and waterfrontage created an extended discussion by reporting upon the need of repairs to the slip at the foot of Fourteenth street. This slip has been maintained by the city as a public landing place, but it was said last night that it had been monopolized by one steamer. Repairs will cost \$60. There was some sentiment in favor of fencing off the slip, but Mr. Hansen objected to this, on the ground that the public landing was needed. The matter will be considered further.

County Clerk Clinton presented a communication showing that the assessed valuation of city property was \$1,908,454.

The public property committee reported adversely on the offer of the Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust Company to sell the city an engine house site, and the report was adopted.

The bond of City Treasurer Dealey in the sum of \$25,000 was approved. The sureties are Mary E. Dealey, George H. George, W. I. Barker, J. E. Higgins, Theodore Bracker, A. Scherneckau and L. Mansur.

The request of Auditor Anderson that his books be experted was granted. The books of the chief of police and treasurer will also be experted. The ways and means committee will appoint the experts.

Several new salary ordinances were presented, two going through. The bills passed last night increase the salary of the janitor from \$20 to \$30 monthly and that of the physician from \$25 to \$40. The ordinance raising the salary of the chief of police was offered by Mr. Burns, who asked unanimous consent for suspension. Mr. Beland objected and the bill went over. The increase is to \$100 from \$90. An ordinance raising the salary of the fire chief from \$70.60 to \$50 was offered, but Mr. Leinenweber, its father, asked that it go over.

Ordinances were introduced to pay L. Lebeck \$137.40 and \$223.81 for the improvement of Franklin avenue between Fifth and Ninth streets; to accept this improvement; to re-establish the grade of Franklin avenue between Thirty-sixth and Forty-third streets, providing for the payment of \$4000 to Mary T. Strong for the Taylor property recently purchased. An ordinance providing for an assessment for the improvement of Franklin avenue between Fifth and Ninth was passed under suspension of rules.

Resolutions were adopted providing for equalization of the assessments for the improvement of Exchange street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth and Franklin avenue from Ninth to Twelfth.

The request of B. W. McLean and Matilda Berendes for permission to construct cement sidewalks on Franklin avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets was referred to the street committee.

Notice to Water Consumers.

Saturday, January 9 is the last day on which to pay water rates to avoid the penalty charged all delinquents.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. S. McGowan, of McGowan, was in the city yesterday. He was en route for home after a visit to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robberson are entertaining their son, W. C. Robberson and his wife and daughter, who live in Portland.

Miss Margaret Higgins left yesterday for Palo Alto, where she will resume her work in the Leland Stanford, Jr. university.

Rev. J. W. McCormac left on the steamer Alliance yesterday morning for Marshfield, where he will visit with his son, Dr. McCormac. He will be absent some weeks.

Paul Trullinger was a passenger on the Elder yesterday for San Francisco. He goes to resume his studies in the dental school of which he is a student. Mr. Trullinger expects to graduate this term.

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